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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRENCH DATA POSITION

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1. WE CHECKED WITH GESCHER TODAY FOR HIS INFORMAL REACTION TO MISTRAL'S ORAL COMMUNICATION DELIVERED YESTERDAY IN PARIS (REFTEL). GESCHER SAID THAT WASHINGTON, LONDON AND BONN WOULD HAVE TO DO SOME HARD THINKING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND THAT THE THREE CAPITALS SHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT. HE INDICATED FURTHER THAT AMBASSADOR ROTH HAD THUS FAR ONLY REACTED IN GENERAL TERMS, DESCRIBING THE FRENCH POSITION AS PRESENTING THE ALLIES WITH A DILEMMA AND REITERATING HIS BELIEF THAT LITTLE MOVEMENT COULD BE ANTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE 1977.

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2. GESCHER ALSO REVIEWED WITH US THE FRG EMBASSY PARIS REPORT OF THE MEETING WITH MISTRAL WHICH WAS RECEIVED THIS MORNING IN BONN. THE GERMAN REPORT WAS COMPARABLE IN ALMOST ALL RESPECTS TO REFTEL. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL BIT OF INFORMATION WAS A COMMENT BY MISTRAL TO THE EFFECT THAT SAUVAGNARGUES HAD PREVIOUSLY CHARACTERIZED THE MBFR PARITY CONCEPT AS "IMPRACTICAL" DURING A CONVERSATION WITH THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO PARIS (GESCHER DID NOT KNOW WHEN THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE).
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